

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H03M3/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H03M

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, COMPENDEX, INSPEC, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 369 403 A (TEMES ET AL) 29 November 1994 (1994-11-29) figure 3	1-4,8
X	----- XU X ET AL: "The implementation of dual-truncation Sigma Delta D/A converters" PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS. SAN DIEGO, MAY 10 - 13, 1992, PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS. (ISCAS), NEW YORK, IEEE, US, vol. VOL. 4 CONF. 25, 3 May 1992 (1992-05-03), pages 597-600, XP010061265 ISBN: 0-7803-0593-0 figure 2 ----- -/-	1-4,8

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X	----- XU X ET AL: "DUAL-TRUNCATION DIGITAL-TO-ANALOGUE CONVERTORS" ELECTRONICS LETTERS, IEE STEVENAGE, GB, vol. 28, no. 1, January 1992 (1992-01), pages 92-94, XP000278951 ISSN: 0013-5194 figure 1	1,2,8
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-5, 8

Group I defines a sigma-delta digital-to-analog converter (DAC) including a digital to analog converting combiner and a second noise shaper.

Problem to be solved: Converting a multibit digital input signal in an analog output signal and reducing the quantization noise.

2. claims: 6,7

Group II relates to a calibrating apparatus which includes a sigma delta DAC.

Problem to be solved: Calibrating a sigma delta DAC.
